

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response of 12/18/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5-10, 12 and 16-24.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/18/2007
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

1. The IDS of 12/18/2007 was received and considered.
2. Claims 5-10, 12 & 16-24 are allowed.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. An information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 12/18/2007. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 5-10, 12 & 16-23 are allowed.
5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - a. Regarding claim 16, **Ducharme** discloses a first network adapter configured to receive a primary data stream (Fig. 2, #25) in which the information has been encoded, encrypted (col. 4, lines 42-43) according to a key scheme from a primary transmitter (service provider) through a first network (Fig. 2, #25) in a first format (first rate, col. 5, lines 14-16), an arrangement (gateway) configured to receive entitlement messages (Fig. 2, #25), enabling an authorized receiver to decrypt the encrypted data stream (col. 4, lines 50-54) and at least one further network adapter for connection to a secondary network (Fig. 2, #35), wherein the terminal (gateway) is configured to re-transmit at least part of the information in at least one secondary data stream in a second format (lower bit rate, col. 5, lines 24-27), differing from the first format, through the second network to at least one secondary terminal (client) connected to the secondary network (Fig. 2, #35), wherein the terminal is configured to transmit the secondary

data stream(s) encrypted according to the same key scheme (col. 5, lines 28-30) and to forward received entitlement messages that enable an authorized receiver to decrypt the secondary data stream(s) to the secondary terminal(s) (col. 5, lines 65-67), wherein the terminal is arranged to decrypt the received primary data stream and to encrypt the secondary data stream(s) according to the key scheme (col. 5, lines 28-30). **Kovacevic** teaches that video data is often transmitted in transport streams, where the transport stream is decrypted and then demultiplexed to generate individual packetized elementary streams (PES) (§29). *However, as also argued by Applicant on p. 14 of the most recent response, the prior art of record fails to teach or disclose, either alone or in combination, where the terminal is arranged to retransmit information encoded in only a subset of the elementary data streams to the at least one secondary terminal over the secondary network, in combination with the other elements of the claims. While generally a subset can include the whole (the grounds for which the claim was rejected over Kovacevic), it is understood from the amendment and applicant's arguments that some set, less than the whole set of elementary data streams, is used to transmit the encoded information to the secondary terminal.* Claims 5-10 & 12 are allowable based on their dependence upon claim 16.

b. Regarding claim 17, **Ducharme** discloses a first network adapter configured to receive a primary data stream (Fig. 2, #25) in which the information has been encoded, encrypted (col. 4, lines 42-43) according to a key scheme from a primary transmitter (service provider) through a first network (Fig. 2, #25) in a first format (first rate, col. 5, lines 14-16), an arrangement (gateway) configured to receive entitlement messages (Fig. 2, #25), enabling an authorized receiver to decrypt the encrypted data stream (col. 4, lines 50-54) and at least one further network adapter for connection to a secondary network (Fig. 2, #35), wherein the terminal

(gateway) is configured to re-transmit at least part of the information in at least one secondary data stream in a second format (lower bit rate, col. 5, lines 24-27), differing from the first format, through the second network to at least one secondary terminal (client) connected to the secondary network (Fig. 2, #35), wherein the terminal is configured to transmit the secondary data stream(s) encrypted according to the same key scheme (col. 5, lines 28-30) and to forward received entitlement messages that enable an authorized receiver to decrypt the secondary data stream(s) to the secondary terminal(s) (col. 5, lines 65-67), wherein the terminal is arranged to decrypt the received primary data stream and to encrypt the secondary data stream(s) according to the key scheme (col. 5, lines 28-30), wherein the terminal is arranged to decrypt the received primary data stream and to encrypt the secondary data stream(s) according to the key scheme (col. 5, lines 28-30). **Kovacevic** teaches that video data is often transmitted in transport streams, where the transport stream is decrypted and then demultiplexed to generate individual packetized elementary streams (PES) (¶129). *However, the prior art of record fails to teach or disclose, either alone or in combination, receiving selection commands from the secondary terminals, and selecting elementary data streams comprised in the subset according to the selection commands, in combination with the other limitations of the claims.* Claims 19, 21 & 23-24 are allowable under similar rationale. Further, it is noted that the recited "machine-readable medium" in claims 23-24 is understood as equivalent to "machine-readable storage media" such as disk drives, cd-roms, etc. and not to include carrier mechanisms such as carrier waves or signals.

c. Regarding claim 18, **Kelkar** discloses a first network adapter (MAC, Fig. 2, #42) configured to receive a primary data stream in which the information has been encoded (MAC, col. 5, lines 53-55), encrypted according to a key scheme from a primary transmitter (MAC

transmitter) through a first network in a first format (MAC, col. 5, lines 40-52), an arrangement (MAC, Fig. 2, #42) configured to receive entitlement messages (access control stream, col. 6, lines 1-2), enabling an authorized receiver to decrypt the encrypted data stream (col. 6, lines 4-12), and at least one further network adapter (PAL component encoder/scrambler/modulator, Fig. 2, ##52-28 & col. 6, lines 15-17) for connection to a secondary network (col. 6, lines 25-27), wherein the terminal is configured to re-transmit at least part of the information in at least one secondary data stream in a secondary format (PAL, col. 5, lines 40-44), differing from the first format (MAC), through the second network to at least one secondary terminal (receiver) connected to the secondary network (col. 6, lines 25-27), wherein the terminal is configured to transmit the secondary data stream(s) encrypted according to the same key scheme (col. 4, lines 50-55, col. 5, lines 54-55 & col. 6, lines 19-24) and to forward received entitlement messages that enable an authorized receiver to decrypt the secondary data stream(s) (access control stream, col. 6, lines 22-24) to the secondary terminal(s) (col. 6, lines 22-24). **Ducharme** discloses a first network adapter configured to receive a primary data stream (Fig. 2, #25) in which the information has been encoded, encrypted (col. 4, lines 42-43) according to a key scheme from a primary transmitter (service provider) through a first network (Fig. 2, #25) in a first format (first rate, col. 5, lines 14-16), an arrangement (gateway) configured to receive entitlement messages (Fig. 2, #25), enabling an authorized receiver to decrypt the encrypted data stream (col. 4, lines 50-54) and at least one further network adapter for connection to a secondary network (Fig. 2, #35), wherein the terminal (gateway) is configured to re-transmit at least part of the information in at least one secondary data stream in a second format (lower bit rate, col. 5, lines 24-27), differing from the first format, through the second network to at least one secondary terminal (client) connected to the secondary network (Fig. 2, #35), wherein the terminal is

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configured to transmit the secondary data stream(s) encrypted according to the same key scheme (col. 5, lines 28-30) and to forward received entitlement messages that enable an authorized receiver to decrypt the secondary data stream(s) to the secondary terminal(s) (col. 5, lines 65-67), wherein the terminal is arranged to decrypt the received primary data stream and to encrypt the secondary data stream(s) according to the key scheme (col. 5, lines 28-30).

However, the prior art of record fails to teach or disclose, either alone or in combination, receiving messages authorizing transmission of at least one of the secondary data streams to at least one of the secondary terminals, which terminal is arranged to transmit only those secondary data streams to those secondary terminals for which an authorization has been received, in combination with the other limitations of the claims. Claims 20 & 22 are allowable under similar rationale.

6. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Simitoski whose telephone number is (571) 272-3841. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 6:45 a.m. - 4:15 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on (571) 272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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